Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu since May, 2004;

(b) the details of official delegations, including number of visits made, sent by Government to the regions affected with incidents of suicides by farmers, State-wise;

(c) the summary of findings and recommendations made by each delegation in respect of the regions so visited; and

(d) the net-outcome therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (d) The requisite information is being obtained and shall be laid on the table of the House.

Food security

†423. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that food security faces serious threat in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that production of foodgrains is on the decline; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir. There is no serious threat to food security in the country.

(b) No, Sir. The total food grains production in 2004-05 was 198.36 Million Tonnes whereas as per 4th Advance Estimates as on 15th July, 2006 the estimated foodgrains production in 2005-06 is 208.30 Million Tonnes.

(c) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.